

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 1416

S.P. 442

In Senate, March 11, 1997

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**An Act Concerning Eligibility for Service on a School Board.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, RINES of Wiscasset, SAVAGE of Union.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
6 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
8 place:

10 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, "full-time  
12 employee" means a person regularly employed on a weekly basis  
14 regardless of remuneration or the number of hours worked, but  
16 does not include a volunteer. "Volunteer" means a person who  
18 receives no remuneration and who works no more than once each  
20 month or in no more than 5 months each year.

### 22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill amends the current definition of "full-time  
26 employee" as that applies to school board membership. Currently,  
neither a full-time employee in a public school nor such an  
employee's spouse may serve on the district's or union's school  
board. This bill includes a definition of "volunteer" to mean a  
person who, for no remuneration, volunteers no more than once a  
month or in no more than 5 months a year. The bill allows  
volunteers to serve on a school board but maintains the  
prohibition against full-time employees serving as school board  
members.